

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sanitary washing apparatus comprising:

a heating system configured to heat washing water, the heating system comprising a heat exchanger having a snaking internal flow path;

a human body washing nozzle having a discharge port that discharges washing water heated by the heating system so as to wash ~~for washing~~ the human body; and

a nozzle cleaner having a spray port and positioned externally of the human body washing nozzle, and

~~the nozzle cleaner comprising an instantaneous heating device configured to heat at least one of washing water and vapor while the at least one of washing water and vapor flows from an inlet of the instantaneous heating device to an outlet of the instantaneous heating device;~~

the nozzle cleaner being configured to spray the washing water, heated by the heating system, in [[the]] a form of at least one of washing high-temperature water and vapor, ~~which has been heated;~~ from the spray port onto at least an outer surface of the discharge port of the human body washing nozzle so as to sterilize at least an outer

surface of the human body washing nozzle adjacent the discharge port by high-temperature cleaning.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 1 ~~claim-2~~, wherein the nozzle cleaner ~~discharges~~ sprays washing water having a flow rate of not less than about 0.3 liters per minute from the ~~discharge~~ spray port.

4. (Currently Amended) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 1 ~~claim-2~~, wherein the temperature of the ~~heated-washing~~ high-temperature water is not less than 55°C.

5. (Currently Amended) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the temperature of the ~~heated-washing~~ high-temperature water is not more than 100°C.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the human body washing nozzle comprises a plurality of nozzles that respectively spray discharge the washing water, and

the spray port of the nozzle cleaner is provided so as to ~~the nozzle cleaner has a~~
~~discharge port that~~ simultaneously ~~cleans~~ clean the plurality of nozzles.

9.- 30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

the nozzle cleaner further comprises

a washing instruction unit that issues an instruction to start the cleaning operation
performed by the nozzle cleaner ~~cleaning device~~.

32. (Previously Presented) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim
31, wherein the washing instruction unit comprises a remote control device that issues an
instruction to start the cleaning operation by remote control.

33. (Canceled).

34. (Previously Presented) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the nozzle cleaner starts the cleaning operation at predetermined time intervals.

35. (Previously Presented) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of the human body washing nozzle comprises a heat-resistant material.

36. (Original) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the heat-resistant material includes stainless steel.

37. (Previously Presented) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of a surface of the human body washing nozzle is subjected to water repellent processing.

38. (New) A sanitary washing apparatus comprising:
a first heating device configured to heat washing water;
a human body washing nozzle having a discharge port that discharges the washing water heated by the first heating device for washing the human body; and
a nozzle cleaner having a spray port and positioned externally of the human body washing nozzle,
a switching valve configured to selectively feed the washing water heated by the first heating device selectively to the human body washing nozzle or the nozzle cleaner,
the nozzle cleaner comprising an instantaneous second heating device configured to further heat the washing water fed from the first heating device through the switching valve to generate at least one of heated washing water and vapor, and the nozzle cleaner being configured to spray the at least one of heated washing water and vapor from the

spray port onto at least an outer surface of the discharge port of the human body washing nozzle so as to sterilize, by high-temperature cleaning, at least an outer surface of the human body washing nozzle adjacent the discharge port.

39. (New) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the nozzle cleaner sprays washing water having a flow rate of not less than about 0.3 liters per minute from the spray port.

40. (New) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the temperature of the high-temperature water is not less than 55°C.

41. (New) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the temperature of the high-temperature water is not more than 100°C.

42. (New) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the human body washing nozzle comprises a plurality of nozzles that respectively discharge the washing water, and the spray port of the nozzle cleaner is provided so as to simultaneously clean the plurality of nozzles.

43. (New) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the nozzle cleaner starts the cleaning operation at predetermined time intervals.

44. (New) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein at least a part of the human body washing nozzle comprises a heat-resistant material.

45. (New) The sanitary washing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein at least a part of a surface of the human body washing nozzle is subjected to water repellent processing.